

Appendix B – Correspondence



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

D18 (IATR)
(Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Sheboygan Counties)

March 9, 2005

Ms. Jo Rywer
U.S.D.A. Forest Service
626 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 100
Milwaukee 53202

Dear Ms. Rywer:

The National Park Service, in cooperation with our two partners in the Ice Age National Scenic Trail (NST)--the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation--is conducting a planning process in Kewaunee, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan Counties, Wisconsin, to identify a corridor within which the trail will be located. The purpose of defining a corridor is to identify possible route locations for the trail, define a boundary within which Federal and State monies may be used to acquire lands (generally 200 to 1,000 feet wide) on which to establish the trail, and fulfill Federal and State planning and environmental compliance requirements.

Enclosed are maps showing the counties and townships that are included in the project area. This is the area in which the corridor will be located. The approved corridor will be approximately 70 miles long and 1-5 miles wide. Since all participation in the Ice Age NST project is voluntary, the trail's ultimate location will be determined by the willingness of landowners to sell lands or grant permission to cross their property. Eminent domain will not be used on this project.

At this time, we are gathering information on activities within the project area as required in the National Environmental Policy Act. Please send us a list of your current, planned, and potential projects that should be considered as part of our cumulative impact analysis. This information will be used to evaluate potential impacts of various alternatives outlined within the environmental assessment.

Statewide the scope of this project consists of developing a hiking trail that generally follows the terminal and recessional moraines and other significant glacial features left by the last glacial advance some 10,000 years ago. Portions of the trail may be developed for cross county skiing; however, uses such as horseback riding or mountain bike riding will not be allowed. The trail will consist primarily of a brushed footpath that is 2-4 feet in width. In sloping areas, side-hill construction will be utilized. Sapling size trees and other understory brush will be cleared to a 4-foot width and 8-foot height. Where it is necessary to cross wetland areas, small boardwalks and bridges will be constructed. The standards that guide the development of the trail are contained in the "Ice Age National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan for Management and Use," and "Ice Age National Scenic Trail, A Handbook for Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance."

We appreciate your cooperation in this planning process and any input you can provide within your area of expertise and jurisdiction. If you have questions or comments concerning the project or would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Pam Schuler, Ice Age NST Manager, at 608-441-5610.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas L. Gilbert". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Thomas L. Gilbert
Superintendent

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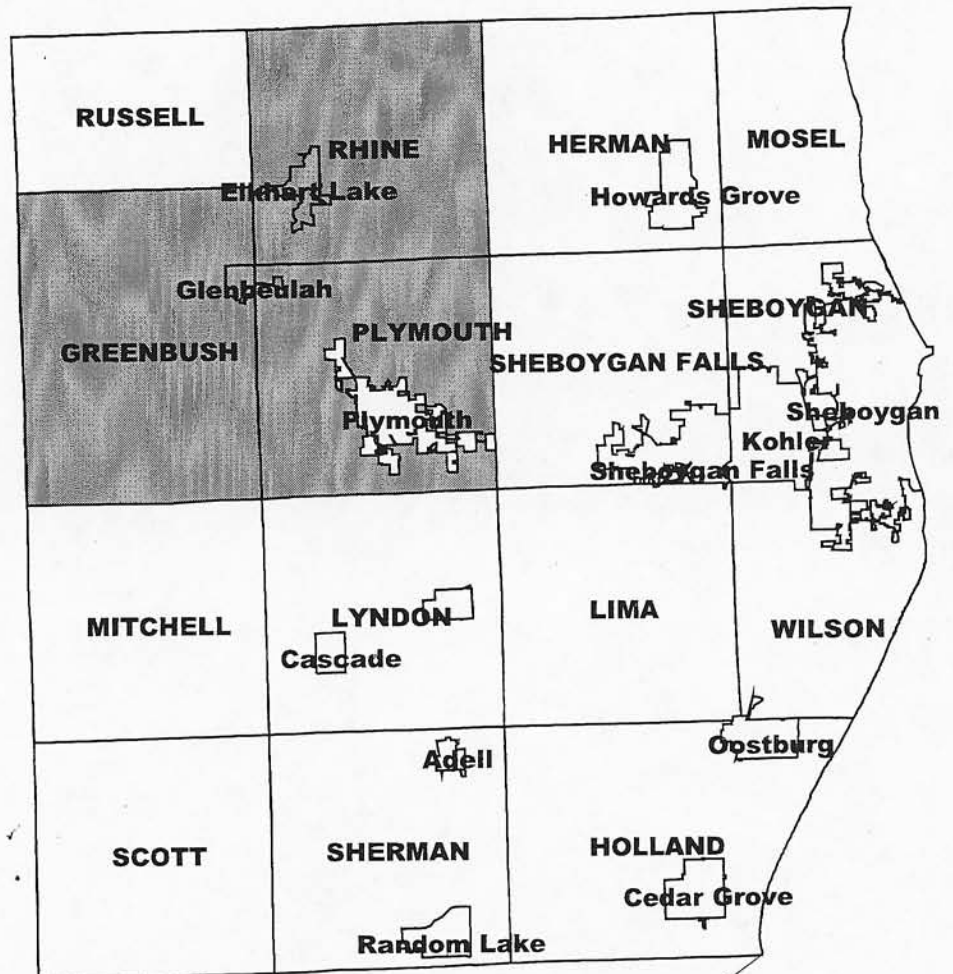
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Location Map

Ice Age Trail Planning Area

Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

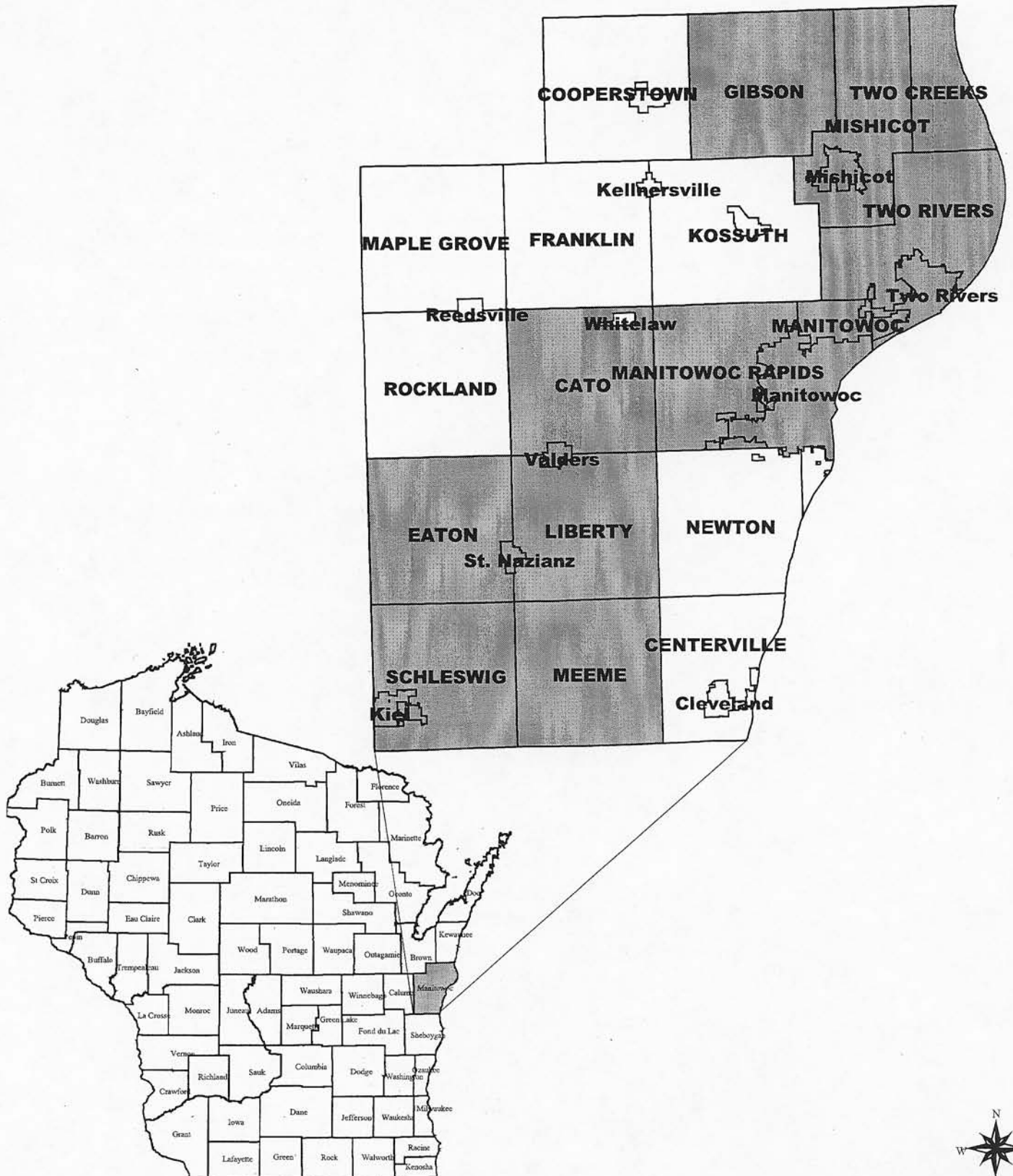


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Ice Age Trail Planning Area

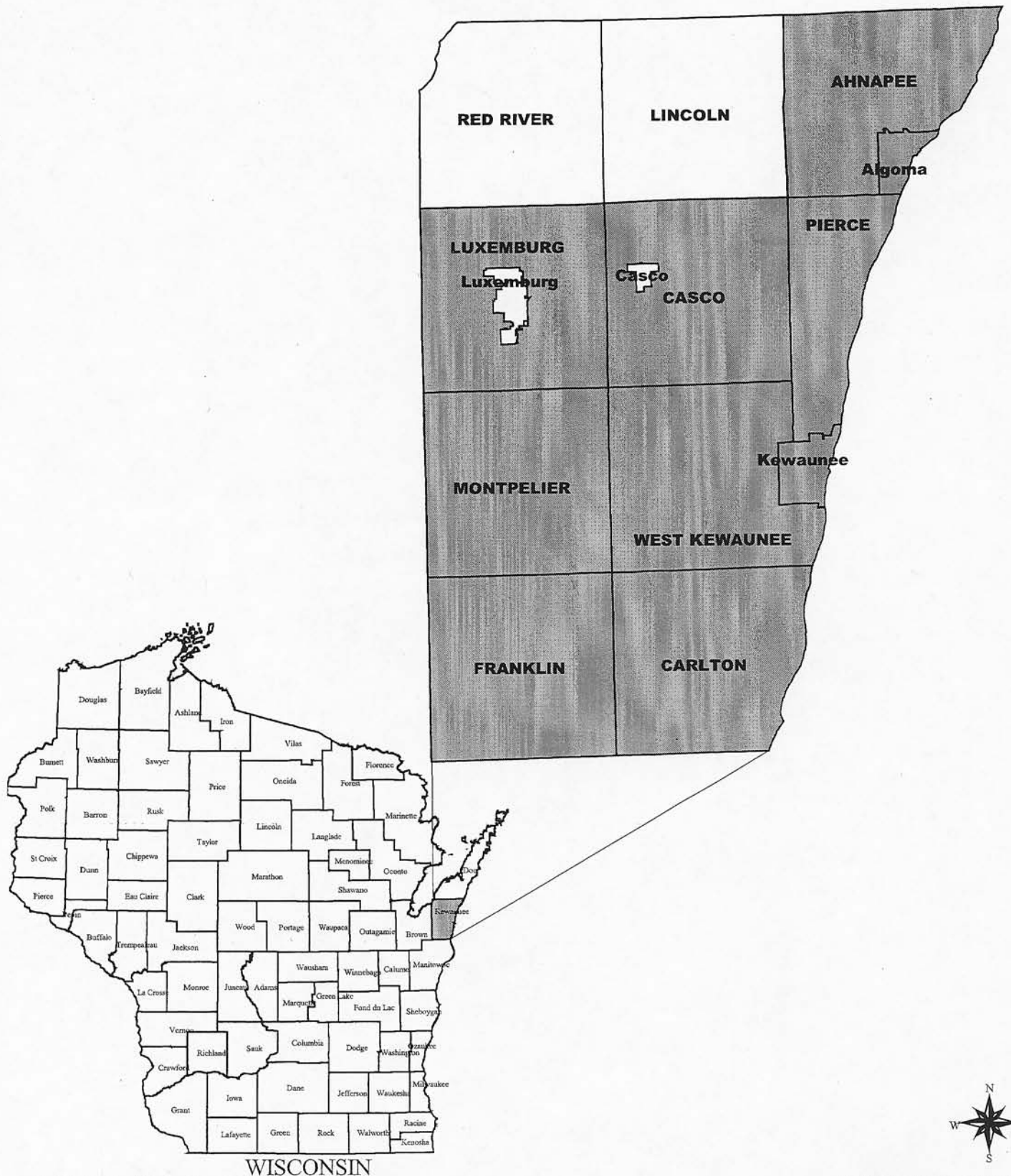
Manitowoc County, Wisconsin



Location Map

Ice Age Trail Planning Area

Kewaunee County, Wisconsin





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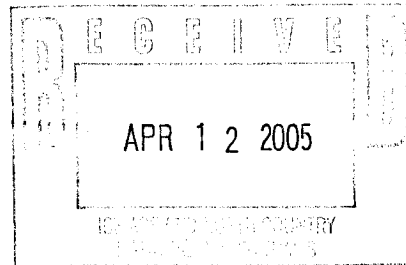
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Re: Ice Age National Scenic Trail

Dear Ms. Schuler:

Pursuant to your letter of March 9, 2005, a search for Federal actions occurring in Kewaunee, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan Counties in Wisconsin which must comply with the provisions of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was conducted. The following is a list of current projects:

- ❖ State Trunk Highway 23, Fond du Lac to Plymouth, Fond du Lac and Sheboygan Counties (Federal Highway Administration and Wisconsin Department of Transportation); and
- ❖ Relicensing of Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant in Manitowoc County (Nuclear Regulatory Commission).

We are not aware of any other projects planned for these three counties which would require NEPA review. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Kathleen Kowal of my staff at (312) 353-5206 if you would like additional information regarding either of these projects.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Westlake, Chief
NEPA Implementation Section



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March 18, 2005

Thomas L. Gilbert
National Park Service
700 Rayovac Drive
Suite 100
Madison, WI
53711



Dear Mr. Gilbert,

We conduct a variety of hydrologic investigations throughout the State, as described in the enclosed summary of activities report. There are a number of these investigations that occur in the Ice Age Trail planning counties. I have indicated those projects on each of the county maps. For more information as to whether or not they are being conducted in the precise locations that you are concerned with please feel free to contact the individual project chiefs, as provided in the Summary of activities report. Their contact information (phone and email) can be found on-line at: http://wi.water.usgs.gov/public/phonelist_0804.htm

Please let me know if there is additional information that we can provide. Good luck with your project.

Sincerely,

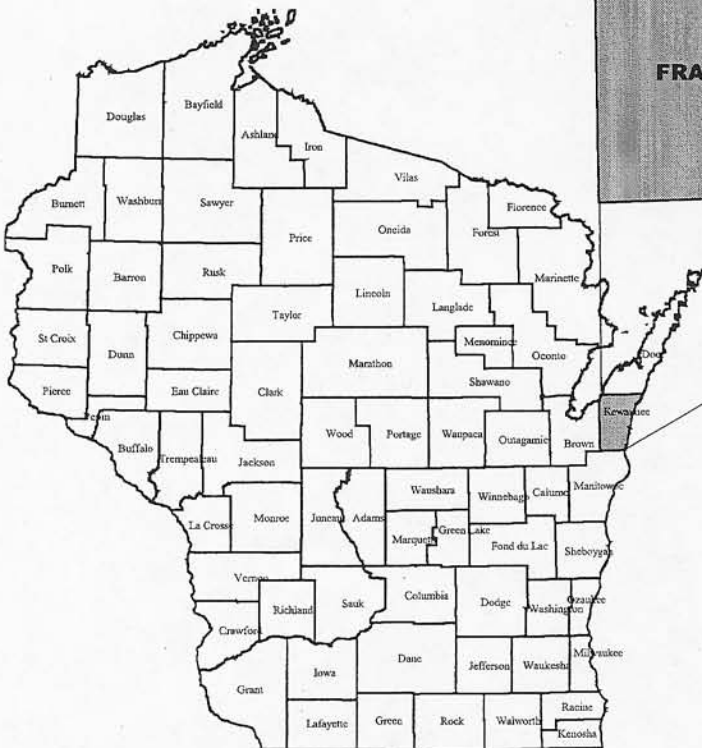
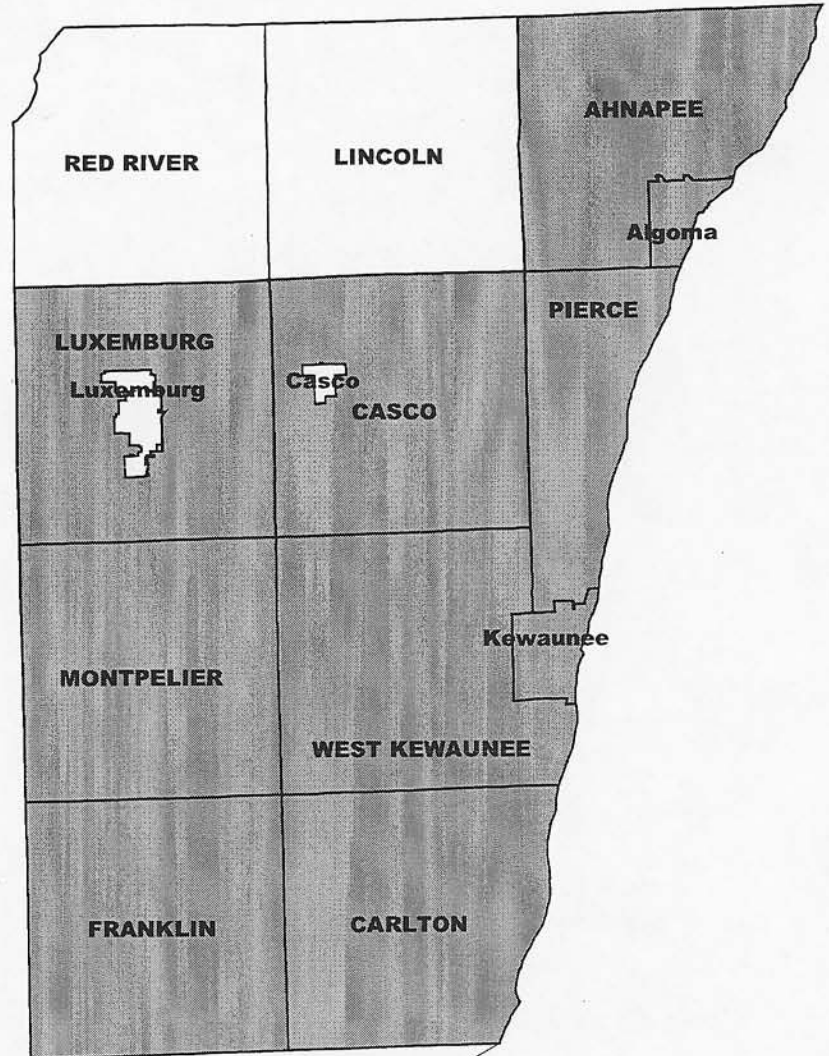
Charles A. Peters
Wisconsin District Chief

Location Map

Ice Age Trail Planning Area

Kewaunee County, Wisconsin

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- NUTRIENT CRITERIA
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- STREAMFLOW NETWORK



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Location Map

Ice Age Trail Planning Area

Manitowoc County, Wisconsin



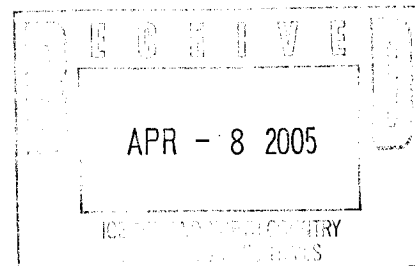
- NUTRIENT CRITERIA

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A map of Wisconsin showing its county boundaries and names. The counties are arranged in a grid-like fashion, with some cities and towns marked with small black squares. The counties shown are: RUSSELL, RHINE, HERMAN, MOSEL, GREENBUSH, PLYMOUTH, SHEBOYGAN, SHEBOYGAN FALLS, MITCHELL, LYNDON, LIMA, WILSON, SCOTT, SHERMAN, HOLLAND, and ADAMS. Cities and towns marked include Elkhart Lake, Glenbeulah, Plymouth, Sheboygan, Kohler, Sheboygan Falls, Cascade, Adell, Oostburg, and Cedar Grove. The map is oriented with North at the top.



April 6, 2005



Mr. Thomas Gilbert
Superintendent
National Park Service
Ice Age and North Country
National Scenic Trails
700 Rayovac Drive, Suite 100
Madison, WI 53711

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

I am writing to you in regard to your request for current, planned, and potential projects that may fall within your Ice Age Trail corridor project area in Sheboygan, Kewaunee, and Manitowoc counties. Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is very involved working with private landowners to install conservation practices on their lands in those counties. Due to the large number of current, planned, and potential NRCS projects it would be very difficult to develop a list for the project area in question. However, please know that the vast majority of NRCS projects occur on agriculture land and farmstead settings. A couple of our programs involve easement purchases where some restrictions may apply. Perhaps a different approach to getting this information would be to contact NRCS again once the actual proposed corridor has been determined so that NRCS can then review our files using a narrower search. It is unlikely that a NRCS project would cause any problems to your trail development unless there would be an easement issue.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call or contact our State Environmental Liaison Sherrie Zenk-Reed at 715-799-6380.

Sincerely,


PATRICIA S. LEAVENWORTH
State Conservationist



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(Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Sheboygan Counties)

March 9, 2005

Ms. Deanne Bahr
Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas & Nebraska
305 North Main
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Dear Ms. Bahr:

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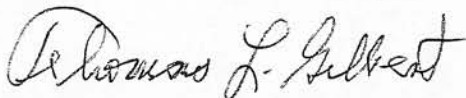
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At this time we are gathering information on cultural, historical, and natural resources within the project area as part of our planning process as required in the National Historic Preservation Act and the National Environmental Policy Act. Please provide or refer us to any available information that would help us to understand the significance and nature of traditional cultural concerns in the proposed corridor for your tribal nation. In addition, we would like to solicit the names and addresses of additional contacts who should be notified or consulted as part of this process.

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Thomas L. Gilbert
Superintendent

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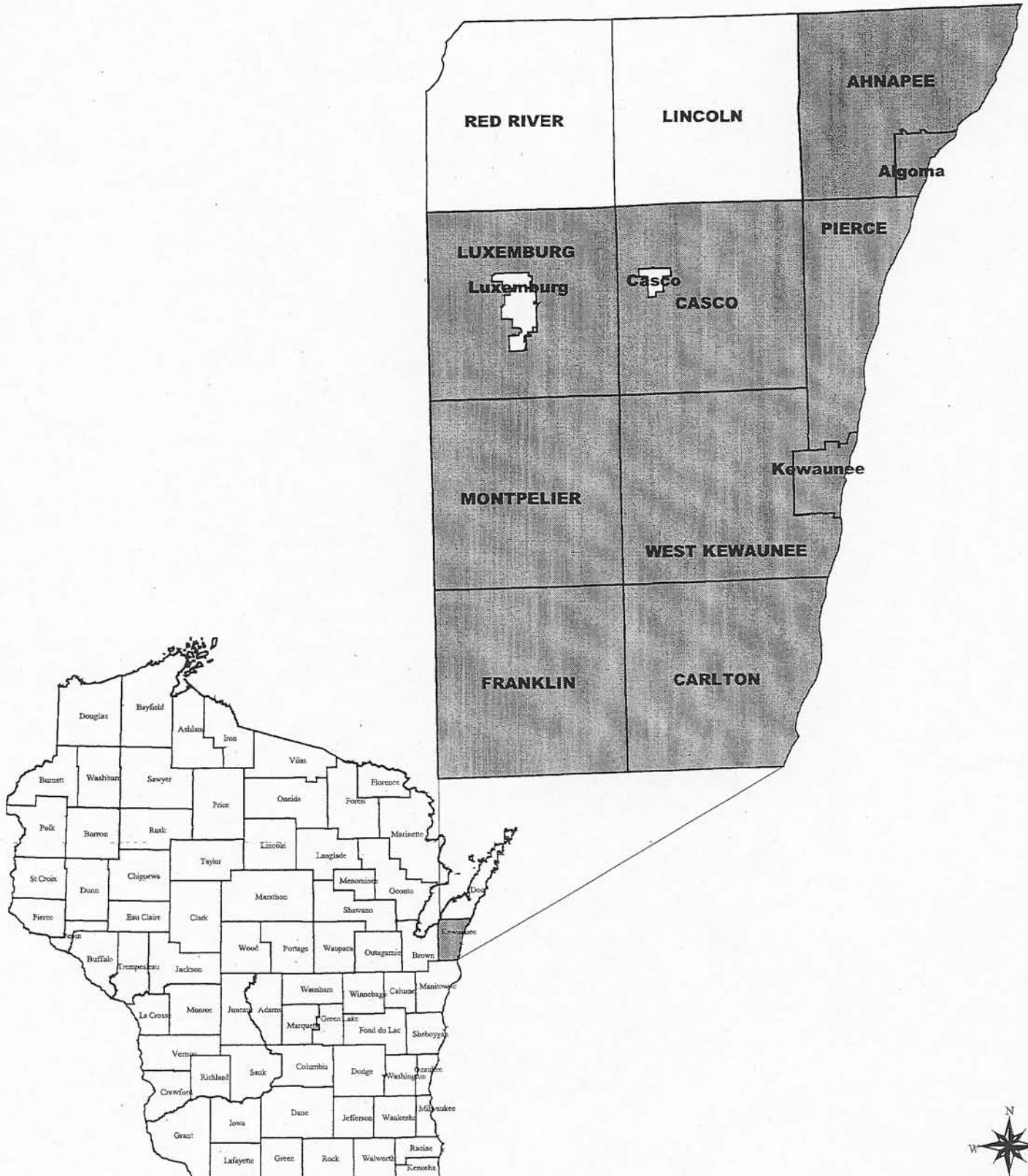
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Location Map

Ice Age Trail Planning Area

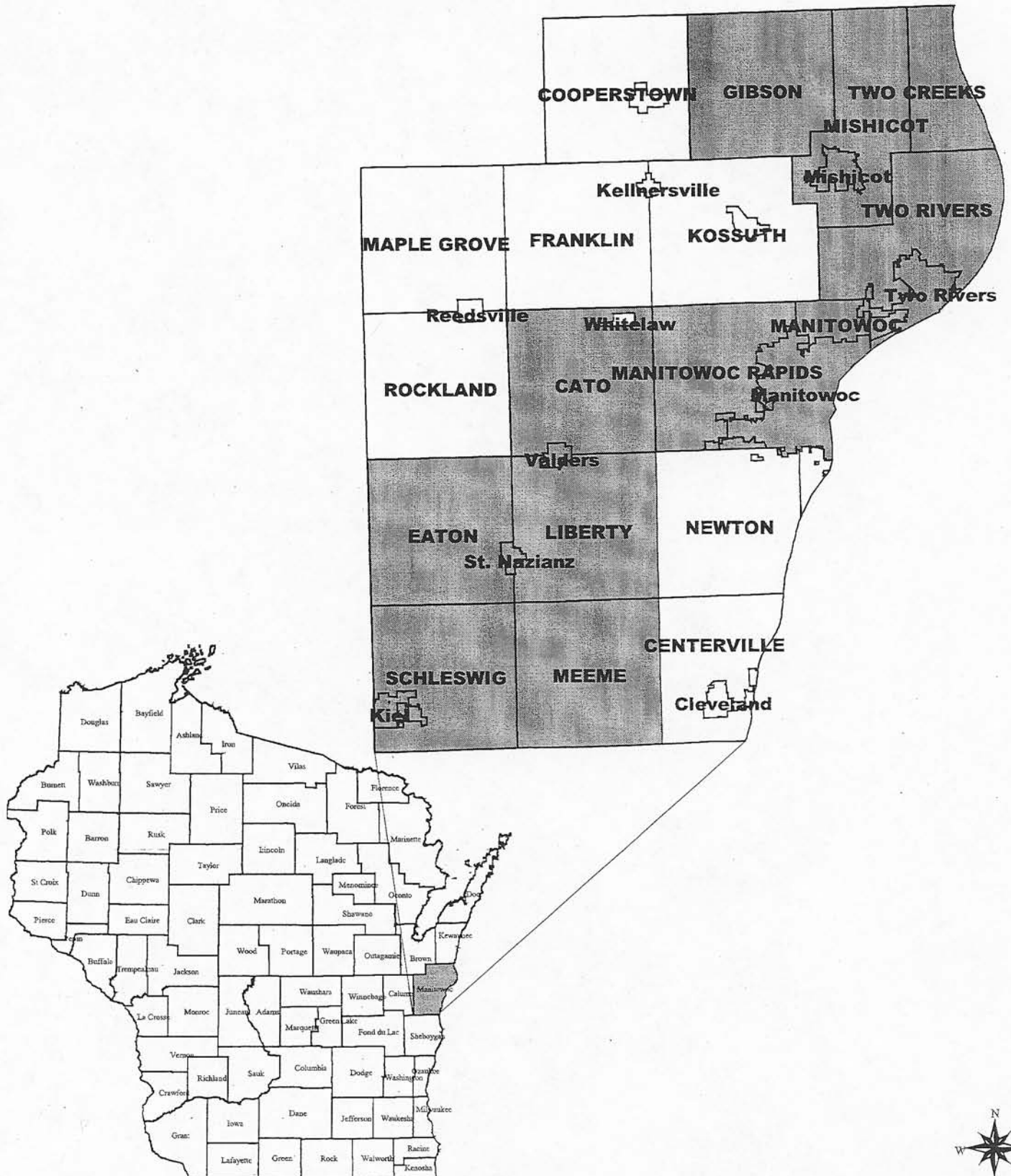
Kewaunee County, Wisconsin



Location Map

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Manitowoc County, Wisconsin

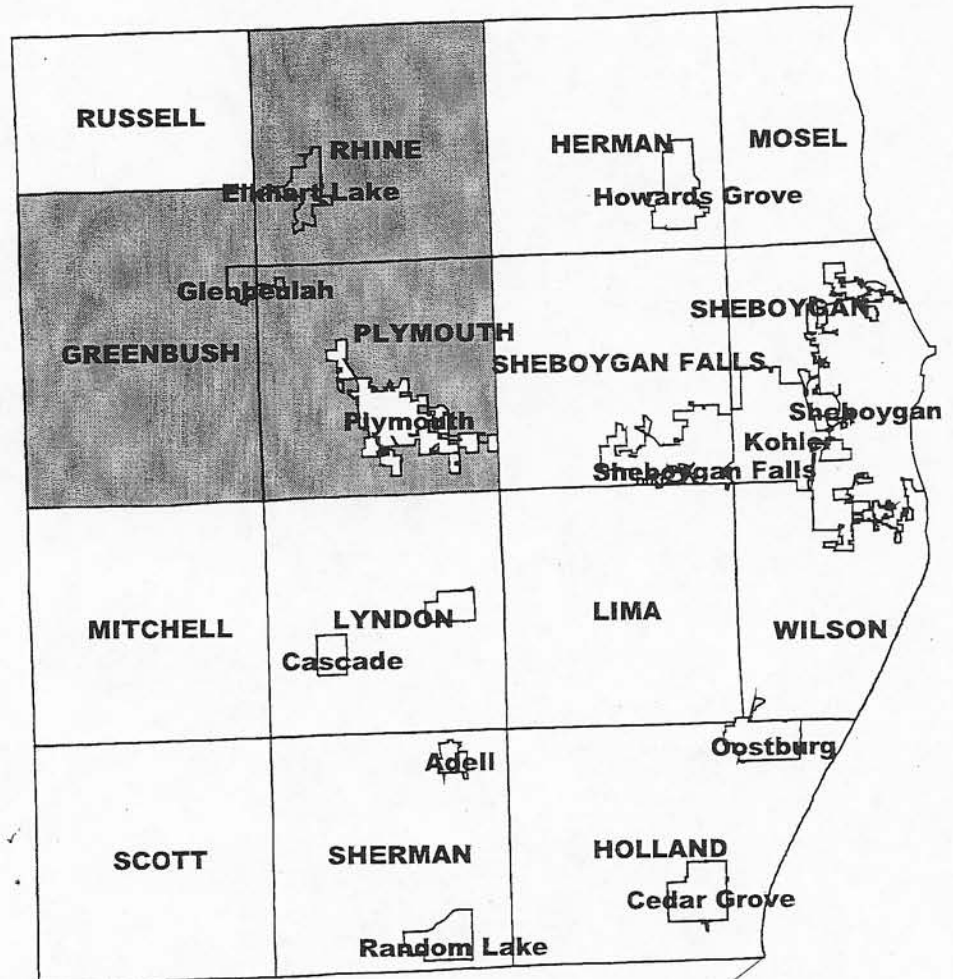


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Sheboygan County, Wisconsin



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(Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Sheboygan Counties)

August 9, 2005

Mr. Jeff Prey
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
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Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7921

Dear Mr. Prey:

Enclosed are copies of the official correspondence generated and received by this office as part of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail (NST) consultation process for the Lake Michigan segment of the trail.

While no specific response was generated by the letters sent to tribal representatives as part of this particular Ice Age NST Corridor Planning Process (CPP), we do have responses regarding similar Ice Age NST CPP in various counties throughout the state. These responses should be considered in the preparation of planning documents for the Lake Michigan segment of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

Deanne Bahr, NAGPRA Contact Representative of the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, indicated that if human skeletal remains and/or any objects falling under NAGPRA are uncovered during construction, activities should cease immediately and she should be notified (Marathon and Langlade Counties Ice Age NST CPP). A similar response was received from Jonathan Buffalo, Historical Preservation Coordinator for the Sac and Fox of the Mississippi in Iowa (Chippewa County Ice Age NST CPP).

Edith S. Leaoso, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians, requests that in the event that Cultural Resources of Native American Origin, Native American Human Remains, or Native American Historic properties are discovered, immediate consultation be initiated to mitigate potential impacts. In the event of ground disturbing activities, a Phase I Archeological Survey should be conducted and copies provided to the Bad River Tribal Historic Preservation Office (Chippewa County Ice Age NST CPP).

Both Victoria Doud, President of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, and Dr. Jonathan Gilbert, Wildlife Section Leader for the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, expressed an interest in how the project would affect usufructuary rights within the ceded territories. Dr. Gilbert advised that in documents previously prepared by the USDA Forest Service and the National Park Service, treaty rights have been preserved through the use of the phrase "Nothing in this plan or its implementation is intended to modify, abrogate, or otherwise adversely affect tribal reserved or treaty-guaranteed rights" (Marathon and Langlade Counties Ice Age NST CPP).

If additional responses are received by this office, copies will be forwarded to your attention for inclusion in the final planning documents. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 608-441-5610.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary M. Tano".

Mary M. Tano
Outdoor Recreation Planner, Ice Age NST

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